

Book Review: American Church Law, by Carl Zollmann

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BOOK REVIEWS

American Church Law, By Carl Zollmann, Professor of Law, Marquette University. 1933. One volume. West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minn.

"The need for a compact statement of the legal relations of church and state, in the United States," led Professor Zollmann of Marquette University to revise his *American Civil Church Law* (1917) and to give it once more to the public in an up-to-date, permanent form.

The work in its earlier form was used extensively not only by lawyers but by churchmen. Dr. C. Augustine, O.S.B., for example, cites it frequently with approbation in his 8 volume Commentary on Canon Law and especially the volume on Civil and Ecclesiastical Status of Parishes. No doubt this new edition which "is in a large part a new treatment," will aid church and state officers to perform their tasks of adjusting the complicated relations arising between the two jurisdictions. Certainly one could not ask from such a book fuller treatment of the matter. In it all subjects seemed to be covered: religious liberty, education, corporations, trusts, schisms, taxes, protection, are just a few of the chapter titles. Nor could a hurried reader demand more expeditious tables of references; besides a complete index, there is an alphabetical list of cases cited, a table of the Constitutional (State and Federal) provisions cited, topic summaries before and after each chapter, and copious footnotes. Add to this an excellent printing job. Truly a compact statement of what the clergyman and the functionary need to know about American Church law.

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Cases on Business Law, By William Everett Britton, Professor of Law, University of Illinois and Ralph Stanley Bauer, Professor of Law, De Paul University. 1932. One volume. West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minn.

The book is bound in red fabrikoid and consists of 1219 pages and is designed for the use of students in schools of Commerce and Business Administration. For the accomplishment of this design the authors have chosen most aptly those subjects in law which would practically be most beneficial to the business man. For in the latter's daily contacts he should have a speaking knowledge of fundamental requirements for successful legal negotiations which will enable him to forestall contingent losses. The subjects which are chosen are Contracts, Agency, Negotiable Instruments, Corporations, Partnerships and Sales.

Since the purpose of the book is to indicate to the business man legal problems, the cases selected are of the modern trend. The book is conspicuous for its lack of cases of an historical nature, which in effect would have no practical benefit to the contemporary American. An example of how well the authors have accomplished this result is found in the section devoted to negotiable instruments wherein out of a total of five hundred and eighty cases, three hundred and seventy-nine have been decided since 1900.

The categorization of the subject tends to facilitate the student's comprehension of the subject in its entirety. In each section material is furnished in the form of explanation of the immediate problem involved. Thus fortifying the student with an indication of the instant problem, the authors choose cases, the facts and opinions of which illustrate most practically the legal problems. In